GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS POLICY
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of mergers and acquisitions in domestic aviation sector, particularly domestic airlines;

(b) if so, the number of mergers or acquisitions have taken place during the last two years;

(c) the financial details of equities of these mergers/acquisitions;

(d) whether the Government has in place any mergers and acquisitions policy; and

(e) if not, the reaons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b):- During the last two years there had been only one acquisition of scheduled domestic airline wherein Jet Airways has acquired Sahara Airlines in the year 2007.

(c):- This Ministry does not scrutinize financial details of the merging airline companies. It however ensures compliance of the prescribed Civil Aviation Requirements.

(d):- Yes, Sir. There is a policy regarding use of airport infrastructure in case of merger/take over of airlines and sale/transfer of aircraft.

(e):- Does not arise.